

**BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 27, 2021  
10:00 AM**

Committee Members:

Mayor Jesse Arreguin, Councilmembers Kate Harrison and Lori Droste  
Alternate: Councilmember Rashi Kesarwani

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VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE**

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# AGENDA

**Roll Call:** 10:01 a.m. All present.

**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters:** 4 speakers.

## Minutes for Approval

*Draft minutes for the Committee's consideration and approval.*

### 1. Minutes - May 17, 2021

**Action:** M/S/C (Droste/Arreguin) to approve the minutes of May 17, 2021.

**Vote:** Ayes – Droste, Arreguin; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent - Harrison.

## Committee Action Items

*The public may comment on each item listed on the agenda for action as the item is taken up. The Chair will determine the number of persons interested in speaking on each item. Up to ten (10) speakers may speak for two minutes. If there are more than ten persons interested in speaking, the Chair may limit the public comment for all speakers to one minute per speaker.*

*Following review and discussion of the items listed below, the Committee may continue an item to a future committee meeting, or refer the item to the City Council.*

### 2. FY 2022 Fire Department and Police Department Budget Discussion

**From: City Manager**

Contact: Abe Roman, Fire Department, (510) 981-3473,

Jennifer Louis, Police Department, (510) 981-5900

**Action:** 16 speakers. M/S/C (Arreguin/Droste) Provide direction to the City Manager to ask her to come back with a budget proposal for consideration by the Budget & Finance Committee and the City Council around how to expand mental health and public safety resources to address the immediate issues around the mental health emergency and public safety emergency on the streets.

**Vote:** All Ayes.

### 3. FY 2021-2025 Revenue Projections

**From: City Manager**

Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300

Item continued to next meeting on June 2, 2021.

### 4. Deferrals to the AAO Process in November

**From: City Manager**

Contact: Dave White, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000

Item continued to next meeting on June 2, 2021.

## Committee Action Items

5. **Predevelopment Allocation, Ashby Recreation and Community Housing (ARCH) Consortium**  
**From: Councilmember Bartlett (Author), Mayor Arreguin (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)**  
**Referred: March 8, 2021**  
**Due: July 26, 2021**  
**Recommendation:** Refer to staff to work with the Ashby Recreation and Community Housing (ARCH) Consortium to develop a planning grant for the Ashby BART East Parking Lot  
**Financial Implications:** See report.  
Contact: Ben Bartlett, Councilmember, District 3, (510) 981-7130

Item continued to meeting on June 10, 2021.

6. **Budget Referral and Resolution Establishing A Pilot Existing Building Electrification Incentive Program to Assist New Homeowners, Renters and Existing Homeowners with Transition to Zero-Carbon Buildings**  
**From: Councilmember Harrison (Author), Councilmember Bartlett (Co-Sponsor)**  
**Referred: May 17, 2021**  
**Due: November 1, 2021**  
**Recommendation:**  
1. Adopt a Resolution establishing: a. a two-year Pilot Existing Building Electrification Incentive Program to Assist New Homeowners, Renters and Existing Homeowners with Transition to Zero-Carbon Buildings; and b. an annual process for the Energy (or successor) Commission and the Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Policy Committee (FITES), in consultation with community groups, to provide input to staff and Council about eligible categories of fund expenditures to maximize equitable emissions reductions and impacts for eligible households while leaving the mechanisms for doing so to staff discretion.  
2. Refer to the June, 2021 budget process: a. \$1,500,000 of general fund monies from excess equity as seed funding for the two-year pilot, inclusive of staff costs, for FY 2022.  
**Financial Implications:** See report  
Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140

Item continued to next meeting on June 2, 2021.

## Unscheduled Items

*These items are not scheduled for discussion or action at this meeting. The Committee may schedule these items to the Action Calendar of a future Committee meeting.*

**7. Potential Measure P FY2022 Allocations**

**From: Councilmember Droste (Author)**

**Referred: January 25, 2021**

**Due: June 14, 2021**

**Recommendation:** Refer the Measure P funding discussion to the City Manager, Measure P Homeless Panel of Experts to determine next steps to ensure that the Measure P fund stays solvent. Specifically, these bodies should prioritize preferred programs and services within the various categories that the Measure P panel previously outlined according to updated projected revenues. During the course of these deliberations, the Panel of Experts should hear presentations from staff on which homeless services (e.g. permanent supportive housing exits, shelters, emergency interventions, multi-departmental staffing, and supportive services) are funded outside of Measure P so that the bodies can make recommendations after understanding the entirety of services and programs.

To the extent possible, the committees and commissions should attempt to find a non-volatile source of funding for permanent supportive housing, using the 1,000 person plan as a framework for best addressing the homelessness crisis on our streets. The Panel of Experts should finalize their priorities in time for the budget committee's consideration in June of 2021.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Lori Droste, Councilmember, District 8, (510) 981-7180

**8. Proposal to Allocate Revenues Generated by the Transient Occupancy Tax in the Waterfront Area to the Marina Fund to Avoid Insolvency, Rebuild its Fund Balance and to Stabilize its Finances**

**From: Parks and Waterfront Commission**

**Referred: April 5, 2021**

**Due: October 9, 2021**

**Recommendation:** That Council adopt a Resolution adopting a policy that all Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT hotel tax) generated at the Berkeley Waterfront be allocated to the City's Marina Enterprise Fund. All other property, sales, utility users, and parking taxes; as well as business license and franchise fees, would continue to be allocated to the City's General Fund.

**Financial Implications:** See report

Contact: Roger Miller, Commission Secretary, (510) 981-6700

## Unscheduled Items

9. **Establish A Pilot Climate Equity Action Fund to Assist Low-Income Residents with Transition to Zero-Carbon Transportation and Buildings**  
**From: Councilmember Harrison (Author), Mayor Arreguin (Author), Councilmember Robinson (Co-Sponsor), Councilmember Taplin (Co-Sponsor)**  
**Referred: April 26, 2021**  
**Due: October 11, 2021**  
**Recommendation:**  
1. Adopt a Resolution establishing: a. a Climate Equity Action Fund as a repository of grant and municipal funds for equitable climate-related pilot programs for low-income households at or below 50% of Area Median Income or as otherwise designated by Council; and b. an annual process for the Energy Commission (or successor) and Facilities, Infrastructure, Transportation, Environment & Sustainability Policy Committee (FITES), in consultation with community groups, to provide input to staff and Council about eligible categories of fund expenditures (e.g., transportation modal shift or building electrification) to maximize equitable emissions reductions and impacts for eligible households.  
2. Refer to the June, 2021 budget process: a. \$500,000 of general fund monies from excess equity as seed funding for the Climate Equity Action Fund pilot program; and b. \$100,000 for staff costs associated with the Finance Department and OESD in administering applications and disbursement of monies.  
**Financial Implications:** See report.  
Contact: Kate Harrison, Councilmember, District 4, (510) 981-7140
10. **Disposition of Referrals, Projects and Audits**  
**From: City Manager**  
Contact: Melissa McDonough, City Manager's Office, (510) 981-7000
11. **Housing Trust Fund Resources**  
**From: City Manager**  
Contact: Lisa Warhuus, Housing and Community Services, (510) 981-5400
12. **Cash v. Accrual Basis Accounting**  
**From: City Manager**  
Contact: Henry Oyekanmi, Finance, (510) 981-7300
13. **Review of Council's Fiscal Policies**  
**From: City Manager**  
Contact: Rama Murty, Budget Office, (510) 981-7000

## Items for Future Agendas

- **Discussion of items to be added to future agendas**

## Adjournment

**Action:** M/S/C (Harrison/Arreguin) to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote:** Ayes – Harrison, Arreguin; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent - Droste.

Adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Budget & Finance Committee meeting held on May 27, 2021.

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April Richardson, Assistant City Clerk

## Communications

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